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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE

REF: STATE 206509

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO
PRIME MINISTER RESPONDING TO HER OCT. 17 MESSAGE (REFTEL):

2. QUOTE: DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: I SHARE YOUR DEEP
CONCERN OVER THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WHICH YOU EXPRESSED
IN YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF OCTOBER 17. YOU CAN BE
SURE THAT THIS GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN SERIOUS ATTENTION
TO YOUR VIEWS.

3. THE UNITED STATES HAS WORKED ENERGETICALLY TO STOP
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THE FIGHTING IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO LAY THE BASIS FOR

FUTURE PEACEMAKING EFFORTS. AS YOU KNOW, WE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THE SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO HELP CREATE

CONDITIONS WHICH WILL LEAD TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THIS TROUBLED AREA. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU ALSO WILL LEND YOUR SUPPORT TO EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CONFLICT WHICH WILL PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE EXPRESSED IN THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO DEVELOP A STABLE STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT

WE ARE DEVOTING OUR FULL ENERGIES TO THIS CRUCIAL TASK IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE.

5. WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY,RICHARD NIXON.
END QUOTE.

6. WE DO NOT PLAN TO PUBLICIZE RESPONSE BUT WOULD NOT OBJECT SHOULD GSL WISH TO DO SO. RUSH

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